है । राष्ट्रीय बागवानी बोर्ड, फलों के फलों पर आधारित पेय पदार्थों का विपणन करने के लिये जूस वेल्डिंग मशीन लगाने के लिये सहायता देता है ।

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय निम्नलिखित योजनायें कार्यान्वित कर रहा है :—

(1) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में खाद्य, फलों और सब्जियों की प्रोसेसिंग सुविधायें का विकास करने के लिये योजनायें ;

(2) खाद्य, फल और सब्जियों की प्रोसेसिंग सुविधाओं को स्थापित करने अथवा उनका विस्तार करने के लिये राज्य सरकार के उपक्रमों और राज्य स्तर को सहकारी समितियों को सहायता देने के लिये योजनायें ।

(3) खुम्बी (मशरूम) की खेती करने व इसकी प्रोसेसिंग करने के लिये अवसंरचना का विकास ।

(4) मुख्य हवाई अड्डों, रेलवे स्टेशनों और उत्पादकता केन्द्रों में प्रशीतनगृह (कोल्ड स्टोरेज) सुविधाओं का विकास ।

Use of balanced fertilisers

2524. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-DIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated plans to promote use of balanced fertilizers of different kinds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) A scheme for promoting the balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizer, to be implemented by the Fertilizer Industry with 50 per cent central assistance has been prepared. The scheme has provision for Input Diagnostic Centres, Mobile Soil Testing Vans and Demonstration on Micronutrient Use.

Use of Fertilizer in the Country

2525. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-DIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the recommended quantity of fertilizer of different kinds to be used in different States and areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN): The fertilizer recommendations are generally expressed in terms of Kilo Grams of nutrients i.e. Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium per hectare. These recommendations are based on the type of soil and its fertility status, crop and its variety, availability of irrigation and targetted levels of crop yields. General recommendations are made by the State Governments in consultation with their Agricultural Universities. The State-wise rerommen-dations are modified by the District level agricultural authorities, which may be valid for the concerned districts.

In view of the above consideration, the crop-wise recommendations vary greatly. The range of Nitero-gen, phosphorus and potassium being recommended for some of the important crops are enclosed in the Statement.